

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, the elected claims were reviewed, and several of such claims were amended merely as to matters of form. In this regard, it is believed that all of the elected claims are now in good form and are patentable over the cited references for the reasons given below.

In the Office Action, the elected claims were all rejected as being anticipated by the cited Gowda patent. In response, Applicants stress that the elected independent claims require a driving circuit which is not disclosed or suggested by the cited Gowda patent. As pointed out in the Office Action, the driving circuit disclosed by Gowda is the element 14 as shown in Fig. 3 and described at lines 27-62 in column 4 of Gowda. However, Applicants submit that the referenced Gowda circuit does not correspond to the driving circuit in Applicants' claims. For example, while Applicants' transfer switch corresponds to an element 22 in Fig. 3 of Gowda, a driving pulse in Fig. 5 of Gowda, ROW SELECT, is driven by simply two levels H and L. Instead, in all of the claims of the present application the transfer switch is driven by three signal levels, first, second and third, or by control of a fall speed from on to off of the transfer switch. Such control between on and off states of the claims of the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by Gowda.

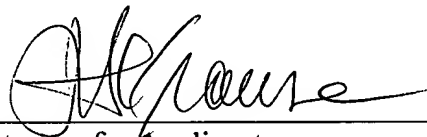
Finally, it is noted that the Title of the application was objected to, and has now been amended; the "units" referred to in paragraph 6 of the Office Action have been corrected; and, accompanying this Amendment is a separate communication with

replacement sheets of drawings which designate Figs. 13-16 as --Prior Art--. Figs. 17A-17D have not been so designated because those figures are, as stated in the Specification, included for explaining the relevant concepts of conventional circuitry as compared to the embodiments of the present invention.

For all these various reasons it is believed that the application is now allowable, and the issuance of a formal notice of Allowance is solicited.

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